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In re Application of

Atkinson, et al.

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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed May 14, 2010.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application became abandoned for failure to respond in a timely manner to the final Office action mailed December 11, 2008. The notice allowed a shortened statutory period for reply of three months from its mailing date. No reply was received within the allowable period, and the application became abandoned on March 12, 2009. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed June 23, 2009.

Examiner Christina Bradley has determined that the amendment after final rejection filed May 14, 2010, places the application in condition for allowance.

The request for an extension of time within the third month, filed May 14, 2010, is noted, but cannot be granted as the request was made outside the maximum statutory period for reply to the final Office action. The amount of \$1,110.00 will be refunded, in due course.

The application is being forwarded to Technology Center 1600, GAU 1654 for further processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3222.

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